

agree in said contracts to complete and equip the said buildings and additions within a reasonable time after the said contract is let as specified in each contract by the said Board of Education of Washington County, to pay all laborers employed by him or them in connection with said contract and for all materials used in the construction and equipping of said building and additions, and shall give bond acceptable to said Board for the faithful performance of his contract. And the said Board of Education is hereby given full power and authority to employ an architect or architects and to do all other things in connection with the construction, remodeling, furnishing and equipping of said school buildings and additions as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any sum or sums of money shall become due for the purchase of land or shall become due to any contractor under contract awarded under the provisions of Section 4 herein, and the said Board of Education shall notify the said County Commissioners of Washington County of the sum or sums of money then due, and shall accompany said written notification with the certificate of the supervising architect that the work and labor have been performed and materials furnished according to the terms of the contract, and that said sums of money are due and payable, the said County Commissioners of Washington County shall pay to the said Board of Education out of the School Improvement Fund, the said sum of money so certified to be due and payable, not exceeding, however, the total amount then held in the School Improvement Fund.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Washington County and the Board of Education of Washington County are hereby authorized and empowered to accept from any Federal or State agency grants for, or in aid of the construction, alteration, reconditioning, furnishing and equipping of school buildings in said Washington County and the erection of additions thereto, including the purchase of land and to make such contracts containing such terms, provisions and conditions as in the discretion of said County Commissioners or said Board of Education, as the case may be, may seem necessary, proper and advisable for the purpose of obtaining or securing grants or financial assistance from any Federal or State agency willing to extend the same in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall be construed as additional and supplementary to and not in substitution for or in conflict with any of the provisions of the General Laws of this State relating to public